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FOR: APPARATUS AND METHOD FOR EMBEDDING WATERMARK INFORMATION IN COMPRESSED IMAGE DATA, AND APPARATUS AND METHOD FOR RETRIEVING WATERMARK INFORMATION FROM COMPRESSED IMAGE DATA HAVING WATERMARK INFORMATION

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Enclosed are:

95 pages of specification, claims, abstract.
Declaration and Power of Attorney.

Priority Claimed.

Certified copy of Japanese Patent Application No. 2001-025664

24 sheets of formal drawing.

An assignment of the invention to Matsushita Electric Industrial Co., Ltd.

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